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HQ, 196th Infantry Brigade
DA NANG (AT956748), RVN
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OPLAN 3-72 (DYNAMIC CHARGER II)

Reference: Map, Vietnam, to be announced upon execution.

Time Zone Used Throughout the Plan: HOTEL

Task Organization: Current Task Organization

1. (U) SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces.

(1) Current Intsum.

(2) As US troop withdrawals continue, enemy forces maintain the capability to launch major attacks against US installations and organizations anywhere in Vietnam.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) MACV continues to provide military assistance to Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces (RVNAF).

(2) RVNAF continues to conduct military, psychological and civic action operations.

(3) 7th Air Force provides air defense, close air support, and air transport for deploying Bn, if required.

(4) 11th CAG provides Army aviation support to deploying Bn, if required.

c. Attachments and Detachments. Current Task Organization.

d. Assumptions:

(1) 196th Inf Bde will be tasked to provide a reinforced battalion for a security mission outside the Brigade's tactical area of interest (TAOI). Areas of possible commitment include Quang Tri Combat Base, Phu Bai Combat Base, Tan My Loran Station, Cam Ranh Bay area and Pleiku area.

(2) 196th Inf Bde will retain all its presently assigned missions.

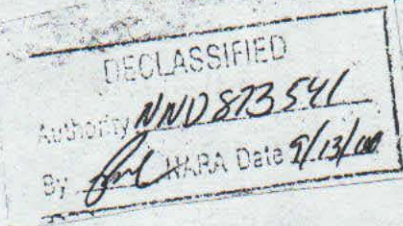
2. (C) MISSION

196th Inf Bde continues current security operations; on order, commits one reinforced battalion for a security mission outside the Brigade's TAOI.

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3. (C) EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. Annex A, Sequence of Events. 196th Inf Bde continues current security operations and commits the Inf Bn on the Brigade Ridge for security mission outside the Brigade TAOI. On order, 1-1 Cav assumes responsibility for Brigade Ridge, and Da Nang reaction force missions. Fire support for deployed Bn will be provided by the attachment of a 105mm Btry (-).

b. Inf Bn on Brigade Ridge:

- (1) Continue current security missions.
- (2) Be prepared, on 48 hours notice, to deploy by air to any location in RVN.
- (3) Be prepared to accept attachment of Btry (-) of 4 x 105mm howitzers.

c. Inf Bn in northern AO:

- (1) Continue current security operations in assigned TAOI.
- (2) Be prepared to OPCOM up to two companies to 1-1 Cav, on order.

d. Inf Bn in southern AO: Continue current security operations.

e. 1-1 Cav:

- (1) Continue current security operations.
- (2) Continue to provide one troop for security of Camp Horn, 95th Evac, and PX warehouse.
- (3) On order, provide one troop as Da Nang reaction force.
- (4) On order, assume responsibility for Brigade Ridge security employing two troops.

f. D/1-1 Cav; F/8 Cav: Continue current air cavalry operations.

g. 3-82 Arty:

- (1) Continue current fire support missions.
- (2) On order, attach Btry (-) of 4 x 105mm howitzers to deploying Inf Bn.

h. 2-94 Arty: Continue current fire support missions.

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i. Bde Avn Plt:

(1) On order, provide Command and Control UH-1H to deploying Bn to conduct visual reconnaissance and coordination.

(2) Be prepared to provide one UH-1H to deploying Bn for duration of mission.

j. Bde S2: Provide 2-1 Inf, 3-21 Inf and 1-46 Inf with a minimum of one set of maps (1:50,000) of the following areas: Quang Tri Combat Base, Phu Bai Combat Base, Tan My area, Cam Ranh Bay area, and Pleiku area.

k. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Inf Bn's relief from Brigade Ridge and other security missions will be accomplished by 1-1 Cav as soon as possible after notification to allow sufficient time for mission preparation. Priority of relief in the following order:

(a) DA NANG reaction force.

(b) Eastern Brigade Ridge company.

(c) Western Brigade Ridge company.

(2) Upon notification of security mission, Bn on Brigade Ridge authorized to outpost Brigade Ridge with small force until relief by 1-1 Cav.

(3) Direct coordination among commands is authorized.

(4) Coordination Group to new location will include representatives from Bn, Arty Btry (-), Bde S3, Bde S4, and Bde Signal Office.

(5) This OPLAN supersedes 196th Inf Bde OPLAN 17-71 (DYNAMIC CHARGER) which may be destroyed LAW current regulations.

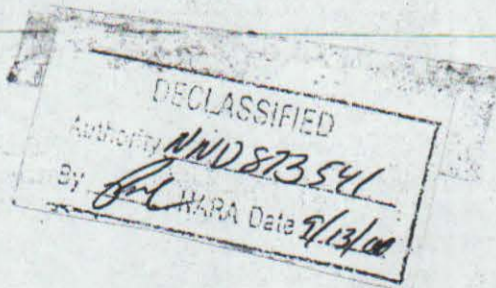
(6) 2-1 Inf, 3-21 Inf, 1-46 Inf and 1-1 Cav will prepare supporting plans and submit two copies to this headquarters, ATTN: AVBF-SC NLT 5 days after receipt of this OPLAN.

4. (C) SERVICE SUPPORT

a. Material and Service:

(1) Supply: Inf Bn and Arty Btry (-) will displace with a five day supply of the following items:-

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- (a) Class I Meal Combat Individual (MCI), Sundries Pack
- (b) Class II Dry cell batteries
Expendable Items
- (c) Class III N/A
- (d) Class IV Sand bags (5000 ea)
- (e) Class V Basic load
- (f) Water 1 case 5 gal collapsible water containers;
Halizone tablets

(2) Resupply: TBA, H +24.

(3) Transportation: 196th Inf Bde S4 will arrange necessary Air Force transportation based on personnel and equipment requirements of Inf Bn and Arty Btry (-); in event deployment is via Army Aviation, Bde S3 will arrange transportation. Units will furnish the following information to the Bde S3 and S4 NLT five days after receipt of this OPLAN:

- (a) Anticipated number of personnel to be moved.
- (b) Weight and cube of supplies to be moved.
- (c) Weight and cube of pieces to be moved.

b. Medical Evacuation and Hospitalization:

- (1) Evacuation and Hospitalization procedures TBA, H +24.
- (2) Inf Bn will displace with Bn Aid Station.

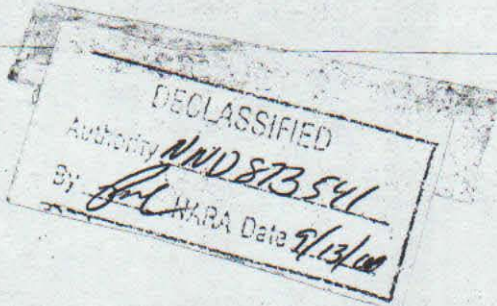
5. (C) COMMAND AND SIGNAL

a. Signal:

- (1) Current SSI in effect except as noted below:
 - (a) Special SOI to be issued at time of departure.
 - (b) Internal communications will be with organic battalion equipment.
 - (c) Bde to Bn communications will consist of one secure teletype and one voice circuit.

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(d) If time and conditions allow, one common-user voice circuit will be established between the Charger switchboard and battalion switchboard.

(e) If battalion is in support of some other unit, signal officer will arrange to obtain copies of that units SOI.

b. Command:

(1) Command relationship of deployed Inf Bn will be determined upon commitment.

(2) Bde CP located at Camp Charger (AT956748).

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Annexes: A - Sequence of Events

Distribution:

- 1 - CG, XXIV Corps, ATTN: AVII-GCO
- 2 - 2-1 Inf
- 2 - 3-21 Inf
- 2 - 1-46 Inf
- 2 - 1-1 Cav
- 2 - D/1-1 Cav
- 2 - F/8 Cav
- 2 - 3-82 Arty
- 2 - 2-94 Arty
- 1 - Bde S2
- 6 - Bde S3
- 1 - Bde S4
- 1 - Bde Avn Off
- 1 - Bde Sig Off
- 1 - Bde Avn Plt

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